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7                   UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8                   WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9                   AT SEATTLE

10                   TATYANA MASON, et al.

11                   CASE NO. C17-5289JLR

12                   Plaintiffs,

13                   v.  
14                   ORDER GRANTING  
15                   JOHN MASON,  
16                   STIPULATED MOTION TO  
17                   Defendant.  
18                   CONTINUE TRIAL DATE

19                   Before the court is the parties' joint stipulated motion for a continuance of their  
20 trial date. (Stip. Mot. (Dkt. # 70).) The parties contend that there is good cause for a  
21 continuance due to (1) Plaintiff Tatyana Mason's ongoing treatment for cancer, (2) the  
22 continuance of an agreed-to mediation due to Ms. Mason's ongoing treatment, and (3)  
Ms. Mason's counsel's pending motion to withdraw as her counsel (Mot. to Withdraw  
(Dkt. # 67)). (Stip. Mot. at 1-2.) The parties request the court to "assign a new trial date  
as soon as the [c]ourt's calendar allows, but no sooner than September 1, 2021" because

1 that is Ms. Mason's earliest "back to work date" according to her treating physician. (*Id.*  
2 at 1.)

3 Due to continuances resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the court has a full  
4 docket that would quickly fall into disarray if the court granted extensions to every party  
5 who faced scheduling difficulties. The court will not imperil the trial dates of other  
6 parties on the court's calendar by granting the parties an extension that disrupts a  
7 previously scheduled trial. Under these circumstances, the earliest date the court's  
8 calendar allows a new trial date to be scheduled is August 29, 2022.

9 Thus, the court GRANTS the parties' stipulated motion to continue (Dkt. # 70).  
10 The Clerk is authorized to issue a minute order setting a new trial date for August 29,  
11 2022, along with other relevant deadlines. As this trial date shall result in a new  
12 discovery cutoff deadline, the court DIRECTS the Clerk to strike the pending motion to  
13 compel (Dkt. # 63).

14 Dated this 8th day of January, 2021.

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JAMES L. ROBART  
United States District Judge